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UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

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First named inventor: PIVAR, B.

Application No.: 09/943,670

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Filed: August 31, 2001

Examiner: Jalil, N. E. and Rones, C.

Title: SYSTEM FOR INTERACTIVE PROCESSING OF FORM DOCUMENTS

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- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
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- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

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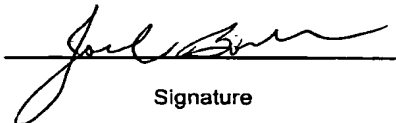
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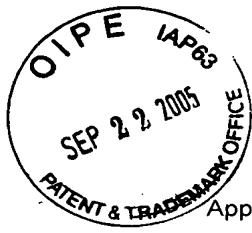
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Applicant: PIVAR, B.

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Filed: August 31, 2001

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Case No. 81300520-008.043

Group Art Unit: 2164

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**STATEMENT ACCOMPANYING PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for Revival of An Application for Patent Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The entire delay in filing a request for continued examination ("RCE") for the above referenced application from the due date for the required RCE filing until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file an RCE.

Applicant filed a timely response on June 30, 2005, to a final Office Action in which Applicant amended the claims to place in them in proper form for allowance and to change dependency of some claims and add new claims identical to the claims for which dependency was being changed. Each of the dependent claims depended from an allowed claim. The amendment did not add new matter.

Applicant was relying on the Examiner's allowance of claims 9 and 11, and did not believe that the amendment to the claims would be rejected by the Examiner.

If Applicant would have understood that the Examiner believed that the amendment requires a new search, Applicant would have filed an RCE together with the response to the final Office Action.

In light of the foregoing, therefore, the undersigned submits that any delay in the filing of the RCE was unintentional.

A copy of the RCE is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$750.00 to cover the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(m) and \$395.00 to cover the RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) as set forth on the enclosed credit card payment form. It is not believed that any additional fees are required. However, the undersigned hereby authorizes any such required fees to be charged to deposit account no. 19-3140.

In light of the foregoing, the undersigned submits that all requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) have been satisfied. Favorable consideration of the present petition and revival of the application is hereby requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required, as well as any patent application processing fees associated with this communication for which full payment has not been tendered, to Deposit Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

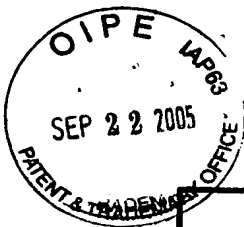
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- ☒ Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for responding to the Office Action dated January 4, 2005 by three month(s) for a fee of \$510.00 so that the period for response is extended to July 4, 2005 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321.
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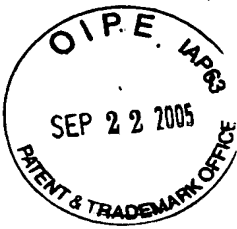
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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 8 and 10, amend claims 2-7, 9 and 11, and add new claims 12-17 as follows:

1. (Canceled) A method of interactive processing of a document to be completed by more than one party over a computer network comprising the steps of:
 - selecting a document to be completed by more than one party;
 - providing at least one request to a first user at a first location on a computer network for information used to complete the document;
 - receiving at least one response to the least one request from the first user to complete the document;
 - providing at least one request to a second user at a second location on the computer network for information used to complete the document;
 - receiving at least one response to the least one request from the second user used to complete the document; and
 - writing information obtained from the first and second users used to complete the document onto at least one digital file.
2. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 12 wherein the computer network is the Internet.
3. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 12 further comprising ~~the step~~ of:
 - determining whether the at least one response to the least one request from the first user is valid and sending at least one additional request to the first user for additional information if the at least one response from the first user is invalid.
4. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 3 further comprising ~~the step of~~:
 - determining whether the at least one response to the least one request from the second user is valid and sending at least one additional request to the second user for additional information if the at least one response from the second user is invalid.
5. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 12 further comprising ~~the step~~ of:

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 - providing at least one request to a second user at a second location on the computer network for information used to complete the document;
 - receiving at least one response to the least one request from the second user used to complete the document; and
 - writing information obtained from the first and second users used to complete the document onto at least one digital file.
2. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the computer network is the Internet.
3. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1 further comprising the step of:
 - determining whether the at least one response to the least one request from the first user is valid and sending at least one additional request to the first user for additional information if the at least one response from the first user is invalid.
4. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 3 further comprising the step of:
 - determining whether the at least one response to the least one request from the second user is valid and sending at least one additional request to the second user for additional information if the at least one response from the second user is invalid.
5. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1 further comprising the step of:

performing a routine determined from the selected document to provide feedback to the first user, the feedback determined in part by the at least one response to the at least one request received from the first user.

6. (Currently amended) The method according to claim ~~4~~9 further comprising ~~the step of~~:

performing a routine determined from the selected document to provide feedback to the second user, the feedback determined in part by the at least one response to the at least one request received from the second user.

7. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 5 further comprising ~~the step of~~:

performing a routine determined from the selected document to provide feedback to the second user, the feedback determined in part by the at least one response to the at least one request received from the second user.

8. (Canceled) A method of interactive processing of a document to be completed by more than one party over a computer network comprising the steps of:

selecting a document to be completed by more than one party;

providing at least one request to a first user at a first location on a computer network for information used to complete the document;

receiving at least one response to the least one request from the first user used to complete the document;

providing at least one request to a second user at a second location on the computer network for information used to complete the document;

receiving at least on response to the least one request from the second user to complete the document; and

writing information obtained from the at least one response from the first and second users onto at least one digital file;

wherein upon the recognition of an occurrence of an event on the computer network, a digital signature routine is performed on the at least one digital file to obtain a digital signature of the at least one digital file and wherein a time stamp corresponding to the time of

performing a routine determined from the selected document to provide feedback to the first user, the feedback determined in part by the at least one response to the at least one request received from the first user.

6. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 12 further comprising the step of:

performing a routine determined from the selected document to provide feedback to the second user, the feedback determined in part by the at least one response to the at least one request received from the second user.

7. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 5 further comprising the step of:

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8. (Canceled) A method of interactive processing of a document to be completed by more than one party over a computer network comprising the steps of:

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receiving at least one response to the least one request from the first user used to complete the document;

providing at least one request to a second user at a second location on the computer network for information used to complete the document;

receiving at least one response to the least one request from the second user to complete the document; and

writing information obtained from the at least one response from the first and second users onto at least one digital file;

wherein upon the recognition of an occurrence of an event on the computer network, a digital signature routine is performed on the at least one digital file to obtain a digital signature of the at least one digital file and wherein a time stamp corresponding to the time of

the recognition of the occurrence of the event is created, the digital signature and the time stamp being sent to a remote location.

9. (Currently amended) A method of interactive processing of a document to be completed by more than one party over a computer network comprising ~~the steps of:~~
- selecting a document to be completed by more than one party;
 - providing at least one request to a first user at a first location on a computer network for information used to complete the document~~standardized form~~;
 - receiving at least one response to the at least one request from the first user used to complete the document;
 - writing information obtained from the at least one response from the first user ~~onto~~ at least one digital file;
 - performing a first digital signature routine on the at least one digital file to obtain a first digital signature of the at least one digital file;
 - creating a first time stamp corresponding to the time of submission of the information obtained from the at least one response from the first user;
 - sending the first digital signature and the first time stamp to a remote location;
 - providing at least one request to a second user at a second location on the computer network for information used to complete the document;
 - receiving at least one response to the at least one request from the second user used to complete the document; and,
 - writing information obtained from the at least one response from the second user ~~onto~~ the at least one digital file;
 - performing a second digital signature routine on the at least one digital file to obtain a second digital signature of the at least one digital file;
 - creating a second time stamp corresponding to the time of submission of the information obtained from the at least one response from the second user; and
 - sending the second digital signature and the second time stamp to a remote location.
10. (Canceled) A system for interactive processing of a document comprising:
a storage device;

the recognition of the occurrence of the event is created, the digital signature and the time stamp being sent to a remote location.

9. (Currently amended) A method of interactive processing of a document to be completed by more than one party over a computer network comprising ~~the steps of:~~
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 - creating a first time stamp corresponding to the time of submission of the information obtained from the at least one response from the first user;
 - sending the first digital signature and the first time stamp to a remote location;
 - providing at least one request to a second user at a second location on the computer network for information used to complete the document;
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 - creating a second time stamp corresponding to the time of submission of the information obtained from the at least one response from the second user; and
 - sending the second digital signature and the second time stamp to a remote location.
10. (Canceled) A system for interactive processing of a document comprising:
a storage device;

a processor connected to the storage device and to a first and second user on a computer network;

the storage device storing a program for controlling the processor; and the processor operative with the program to:

send at least one request associated with a selected document to a first user at a first location on a computer network;

receive at least one response to the at least one request from the first user;

send at least one request associated with the selected document to a second user at a second location on a computer network;

receive at least one response to the at least one request from the second user; and
write information obtained from the at least one response from the first and second users onto the at least one digital file.

11. (Currently amended) A system for interactive processing of a document comprising:

a storage device;

a processor connected to the storage device and to a first and second user on a computer network;

a timing device connected to the processor;

the storage device storing a program for controlling the processor; and

the processor operative with the program to:

send at least one request determined from a selected document to a first user at a first location on a computer network;

receive at least one response to the at least one request from the first user;

write information obtained from the at least one response from the first user onto at least one digital file;

determine a first time stamp from the timing device corresponding to the receipt of the at least one response to the at least one request from the first user;

perform a first digital signature routine on the at least one digital file to obtain an original digital signature;

record the first time stamp and first original digital signature associated with the at least one digital file in a database;

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a timing device connected to the processor;

the storage device storing a program for controlling the processor; and

the processor operative with the program to:

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receive at least one response to the at least one request from the first user;

write information obtained from the at least one response from the first user onto at least one digital file;

determine a first time stamp from the timing device corresponding to the receipt of the at least one response to the at least one request from the first user;

perform a first digital signature routine on the at least one digital file to obtain an original digital signature;

record the first time stamp and first original digital signature associated with the at least one digital file in a database;

send at least one request determined from the selected document to a second user at a second location on a computer network;
receive at least one response to the at least one request from the second user;
and
write information obtained from the at least one response from the second user onto at least one digital file;
determine a second time stamp from the timing device corresponding to the receipt of the at least one response to the at least one request from the second user;
perform a second digital signature routine on the at least one digital file to obtain an original digital signature; and
record the second time stamp and second original digital signature associated with the at least one digital file in the database.

12. (New) The method according to claim 11 wherein the computer network is the Internet.
13. (New) The method according to claim 11 further comprising:
determining whether the at least one response to the least one request from the first user is valid and sending at least one additional request to the first user for additional information if the at least one response from the first user is invalid.
14. (New) The method according to claim 13 further comprising:
determining whether the at least one response to the least one request from the second user is valid and sending at least one additional request to the second user for additional information if the at least one response from the second user is invalid.
15. (New) The method according to claim 11 further comprising:
performing a routine determined from the selected document to provide feedback to the first user, the feedback determined in part by the at least one response to the at least one request received from the first user.
16. (New) The method according to claim 11 further comprising:

send at least one request determined from the selected document to a second user at a second location on a computer network;
receive at least one response to the at least one request from the second user;
and
write information obtained from the at least one response from the second user onto at least one digital file;
determine a second time stamp from the timing device corresponding to the receipt of the at least one response to the at least one request from the second user;
perform a second digital signature routine on the at least one digital file to obtain an original digital signature; and
record the second time stamp and second original digital signature associated with the at least one digital file in the database.

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13. (New) The method according to claim 11 further comprising:
determining whether the at least one response to the least one request from the first user is valid and sending at least one additional request to the first user for additional information if the at least one response from the first user is invalid.

14. (New) The method according to claim 13 further comprising:
determining whether the at least one response to the least one request from the second user is valid and sending at least one additional request to the second user for additional information if the at least one response from the second user is invalid.

15. (New) The method according to claim 11 further comprising:
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16. (New) The method according to claim 11 further comprising:

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17. (New) The method according to claim 15 further comprising:

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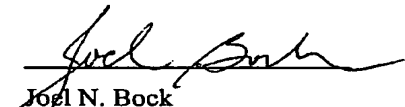
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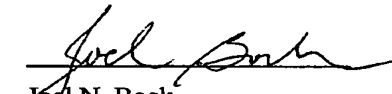
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